

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES  
REORGANIZATION MEETING JANUARY 21, 2016 – 7:30 pm  
North Plainfield Borough Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room

The meeting was called to order by Michael Giordano, Jr. at 7:30 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Anne Soto, Tom Fagan, Lenny Lange, Skip Stabile

Absent: Sandy Marrow, Joe Tevlin, Janice Allen, Paul Alirangues

Also present: Michael Giordano, Jr., Mayor  
Gail Kaufman Cain, Recording Secretary

The Statement of Compliance was read by Mayor Giordano.

Mayor Giordano administered the Oaths of Office.

Mayor Giordano asked for nominations for a 2016 Committee Chair. Mr. Fagan nominated Anne Soto, seconded by Mr. Stabile, carried unanimously.

Anne Soto asked for nominations for a 2016 Vice Chairperson. Mayor Giordano nominated Tom Fagan, seconded by Mr. Stabile, carried unanimously.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Mrs. Soto. Mrs. Soto requested a moment of silence for the men and women serving in our Armed Forces.

Minutes of the last meeting were emailed to all Committee Members prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Stabile to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Mr. Lange, carried unanimously.

The Mayor received a Talent Bank Application for the Committee. Gail read the requirements by ordinance for the committee. One (1) opening and possibly two may be available. Gail will send a letter to Sandy Marrow to see if she is still interested in sitting on the committee. The Mayor will be appointing a new

member to the committee before our April meeting. The member is Lee W. Gallman of 16 Rockview Terrace.

Mrs. Soto spoke about the committee getting together with Edith Costello to discuss the craft vendor portion of the Farmers Market. Tom Fagan briefly recapped a conversation he had with Paul Alirangues regarding the "Rent Party" and the Farmers Market. At the moment Mr. Alirangues has a lot on his plate and does not have the time to pursue this type of under taking but would still like to look into it in the future.

The Mayor has a meeting scheduled with the developer from the Costco Site to discuss a proposed new building on the site.

Anne opened a discussion regarding the 2016 Meeting Calendar for Committee. A brief discussion took place and all present agreed as follows: 2016 Economic Development Committee Meetings will be held at 7:30 pm in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room/Borough Hall located at 263 Somerset Street. The meetings will be held on Thursday, January 21, 2016; Thursday, April 7, 2016; Thursday, July 7, 2016; Thursday, November 3, 2016. Gail will send the 2016 Calendar to the Clerk's Office.

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Other future upcoming businesses in town were discussed:

- Villa furniture is undergoing a facelift and some construction. This will be the future home of another furniture store.
- Kiddie Academy has their approvals.
- Lazy Boy is building a new 20,500 sq. ft building.
- Triple A is going in the other half of the Tile Store. To include eight (8) service bays.
- No servicing will be done at the building. No service bays.
- Good Will Plans are in.

Tom continues to feel things are looking very good and the Route 22 corridor has brought many new jobs to town and the area has esthetically improved. Several new signs have gone up for businesses that have changed hands. The new

restaurant on Somerset Street seems to be doing well. Dollar Tree has cleaned up the exterior of the building and business seems to have picked up.

Another concern among many residents are the amount of trees coming down at Greenbrook Gardens Apartment complex on Route 22. All trees are located on private property and many are being replaced.

After a brief recap of the meeting and a motion to adjourn was made by Anne Soto, seconded by Tom Fagan and carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:36 pm by Anne Soto.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Kaufman Cain  
Recording Secretary